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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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PATENT APPLICATION
Do. No. 9898-189

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yoo-Sang HWANG and Su-Jin AHN

Serial No. 09/955,388

Examiner: Mai, Anh D

Confirmation No. 9987

Filed: September 17, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2814

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING CONTACT PLUG AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

Responsive to the Final Office Action, dated December 16, 2002, please reconsider the application for the following reasons.

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IN THE CLAIMS

5. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:
forming an insulating layer having a contact hole therethrough on a semiconductor substrate;
forming a diffusion barrier layer on a surface of the insulating layer and on surfaces within the contact hole; and
forming a contact plug in the contact hole by forming a first sub-plug that fills a lower portion of the contact hole and forming a second sub-plug that fills an upper portion of the contact hole on the first sub-plug,
wherein the first sub-plug fills a lower portion of the contact hole to a level substantially below a top surface of the insulating layer.

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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2002, enclosed is an amendment in
the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

<u>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</u>					
For:	Number After Amendment	Previous Number	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	11	11	0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	1	0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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